

# CONCORD



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## From our Minister

Dear friends,

June 2022

This month we celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II completes a record breaking 70 years on the throne. You may be attending several celebrations to mark this momentous occasion. You could take a ride the new Elizabeth Crossrail line. It was a rare recent public engagement when Queen Elizabeth II attended the opening ceremony and opened this special railway named in her honour in her Jubilee year.



It was particularly pleasing to see her being given an Oyster card and being shown how to use it at a ticket machine. I would have thought an appropriate response may have been, **“Oh no, I do not need one of those! This is my line you know”**

However, in this jubilee year where we are seeking to honour and remember the wonderful success of her reign there remain many dissenters about a monarchy. Approximately 25% of the country would refer to themselves as republicans and display indifference if not disdain for an institution whereby a privileged few benefit from huge wealth by virtue of their birth.

Past nationalistic fervour of monarch's rule has sent many, many men and women into wars, and conflicts, largely to benefit our nation than any protection of poorer nations against tyrants. The United Kingdom's record on empire is a poor reflection on treatment of the nations we sought to rule and the consequent behaviour of prejudice and a racism now inherent in the system.

But war slavery and lack of social mobility are not limited to monarchical nations. Early US presidents were themselves slave owners. France struggles with treatment of Algerian Muslims treated with some indifference by the elite. And is not the republican Russia now engaged in a war without basis.

Elizabeth II like her two predecessors was not expected to rule when children. Although from a royal line, none were brought up with any public expectation of a royal future.

Unlike a democratically elected leader, one chosen by blood is not there because of any burning ambition. Politicians must be hungry for power and leadership and strive to attain it. A monarch is there because of destiny and duty and not desire. In that sense it is more likely to have an ambitious, opportunistic, untrustworthy, disrespectful man in charge, even a tyrant, with a system of elected leadership.

***“The Son of man came not to be served but to give his life a ransom for many”.***  
***Matthew 20;28. “The greatest among you will be your servant.” Matthew 23;11.***

Shortly before her coronation the young princess echoed, ***“My whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service... God help me to make good my vow”.***

In the last seventy years, her promise has been kept without wavering. The sovereign has influence rather than power. It is a moral and spiritual leadership. Like other leaders Gandhi, Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, the mark on history will be one of inspired following rather than coercive constraint.

Perhaps we can look to Queen Elizabeth II, in this Jubilee year, and see how a crowned head epitomises service not supremacy. Why of course she should be given an Oyster card. Just like the rest of us.

God bless,

**Roger**

## **Tolworth Family Circle**

Eunice, Lesley, Joyce ,Pauline, Clinton Arthur and Dave Bennett are all still in need of our prayers. Clinton has had his surgery and fortunately does not need further treatment.. and Peter Crowl has recovered well from his surgery.. Please remember them all and any others who are unwell.

It was a happy occasion on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May when Roger baptised Jack Arthur, son of Martyn and Tracy Arthur. We were pleased to see all the Arthur family back among us again.and to meet their newest members.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June we will welcome Arlette Koukal into membership of our Church, another happy occasion.

**Moira**

## **Jubilee Tea Party**

Thanks to Brenda, Mary and Kathleen and any others who helped to organise the Tea Party which was enjoyed by about 20 members and friends.

## **Playtime**

It is with great regret that we have had to close down Playtime for the time being. The 2 ladies who have been running it with help from Ian, Barbara Smith and myself have found they cannot continue. They are both Child Minders and apart from the children they look after they have both been asked to take on babies.in the near future. It has become too much for them. We are very grateful for all their help keeping Playtime going for the past 9 months.

It is a very popular group which serves the local community and it is sad to have to close. Roger is keen for the group to start again and hopes to find more help. We ask for your prayers that we may find the help we need.

**Moira**

## **.June Diary - Tolworth**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Church Anniversary</b>
		10.30am	Morning Communion led by our Minister followed by a Bring and Share lunch
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Pilots
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Soup lunch at Ewell URC
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Thursday Club –A visit to Alaska and the Yukon
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Linda Lambert
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Pilots
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	3,30pm	Messy Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Ms Heather Lodge
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Pilots
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	2.30pm	Church Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Family Service led by our Minister
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Pilots
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Lunch at the Hogsmill

## **July 2022**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Ms Heather Lodge
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## **Raeburn Doorsteps**

We are very grateful to Daryl Knight for re-furbishing the outside doorsteps at the Raeburn Hall entrances. These have been in a state of disrepair for a long time and Daryl has done a marvellous job in making them safe and presentable again, Many thanks to him.

## **Tolworth Thursday Group**

Please note that as from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June, the Thursday Group will meet on the second Thursday of each month. This change has been made so that Roger is able to attend as the present arrangement clashes with the Friendship Group at Ewell. It also avoids us clashing with Messy Church on some occasions. As you will see in the diary, the next meeting of the group will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm.

## Ewell Family News

Leen and Angelina Vonk have been able to continue to share worship with us thanks to our on-line services. It was a pleasure to have friends from Tolworth joining us for our monthly Soup Lunch, and we would welcome any others who would like to come. Our anniversary service on 15<sup>th</sup> May was enlivened by the children and young people from our Korean congregation, who contributed a dance on the theme of change and renewal – a joy to behold. Pat Redvers-Smith continues to benefit from the care and support she receives at Appleby House, and sends greetings to all her friends. Her nephew, Andrew, and his dog, Ronnie, have been welcome visitors to our services.

## June Diary for Ewell

<b>Sunday</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Worship including the celebration of Holy Communion, conducted by Revd. Barbara Pearson
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	Soup Lunch
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 – 11.30	Art Group
<b>Sunday</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Worship conducted by Revd. Roger Jones
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30.-11.30	Art Group
<b>Sunday</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Worship conducted by Revd. Roger Jones
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30-11.30	Art Group
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 – 3 pm	Friendship Hour
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Worship conducted by Revd. Barbara Pearson

## Thursday Club

You are all invited to slide show on a visit to Alaska

The date, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

The time. 2.30 pm

The venue. The Elgar Hall

## Post box in Elgar Avenue



With thanks to Paul Craven

### Pauline Beckles has written to say:

Thank you so much for the card and the well wishes. Also many thanks to Cynthia for the flowers which she sent to me on Sunday from Church. They look lovely on my table.

I would be most grateful also if thanks could be conveyed generally for the cards or other tokens sent by church members with their wishes for a speedy recovery. They were very much appreciated.

Kindest regards.

**Pauline.**

## WHAT HAPPENED AT PENTECOST?

You ask me what it felt like,  
The day the Spirit came?  
Well, I can only answer you  
In terms of wind and flame.

How else can I explain it,  
In words that help you see?  
It's nothing that I've felt before,  
It changed the world for me.

Just sitting in that upper room,  
Our thoughts began to roam,  
Our life with Jesus over,  
We talked of going home.

And then it's present with us,  
I can't describe its form,  
Like wind that shook and moved us,  
Like flame so bright and warm.

Its energy flowed through us,  
We're confident and strong,  
Our hearts are filled with gladness,  
Our mouths are filled with song.

It's just as Jesus promised,  
The Holy Spirit's true,  
The Helper, Friend and Comforter,  
Has come today, for YOU!

**Barbara Pearson**

## Roger Fenn's Puzzle for June –

### Paul's Journeys

Where did Paul (first) meet the following people on his travels?

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. James, our Lord's brother | 6. Luke                  |
| 2. Ananias                   | 7. Jason                 |
| 3. Barnabas                  | 8. Aquilla & Priscilla   |
| 4. Sergius Paulus            | 9. Felix                 |
| 5. Timothy                   | 10. Julius the Centurion |

**Answers on next page**

### From Brenda Kelly

#### Purple Flowers

Beautiful, beautiful, purple flowers,  
Emblem of passion and lovelit hours  
Deep as the skies at midnight hour,  
Wonderful, beauteous purple flowers.

Hiding away in some leafy bower,  
Modest violet, purple in hue,  
Standing by the river bank  
Lovely iris, bathed in dew

Petals like velvet of pansies sweet,  
Gazing so gently up from our feet  
Purple crocus, forerunner of spring,  
Early its message of hope to bring.

Clematis, wisteria, midst clinging vine,  
Purple of grapes all luscious for wine,  
Most royal of colours surely is thine,  
So dark, mysterious, almost divine.

Submitted, but not written by Brenda!

**Brenda**



# Ladies and gentlemen who lunch.

## An invitation

Members of Tolworth meet for lunch at The Hogsmill, Worcester Park. We would like to invite friends from Ewell

The dates

Wednesday 29th June  
Wednesday 3rd. August  
Wednesday 7th. September  
Wednesday 12th October  
Wednesday 16th November

The time is 12.30

If you would like to join us please let me know the Sunday before, so I can book the table

**Brenda** (01372 743968)

**From Barbara Smith**

## Jubilee

As I helped the children making the jubilee banner it brought back memories of the queen's coronation. I can't remember too much about it, I was about 18 months old at that time but I do remember the bunting which was hung around Ewell village at that happy time. I was going to see my grandparents and waiting for the train to arrive, I remember looking around me marvelling at the new bright world I was seeing spread before me. Even the blue police box looked cheerful.

Fast forward 70 years and I have the chance to relive the joy of bunting.

**Barbara**

## June Quiz – Answers

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|----|-----------------|------------------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | Jerusalem       | Galatians 1 v 15 | 6.  | Troas?      | Acta 16 v 9 |
| 2. | Damascus        | Acts 9 v 10      | 7.  | Thesalonika | Acts 17 v 7 |
| 3. | Jerusalem       | Acts 9 v 27      | 8.  | Corinth     | Acts 18 v2  |
| 4. | Paphos (Cyprus) | Acts 13 v 7      | 9.  | Caesarea    | Acts 24 v 1 |
| 5. | Lystra          | Acts 16 v 1      | 10. | Caesarea    | Acts 27 v 1 |

**Thanks to those who have contributed to this edition - please keep them coming! We would welcome any contributions from Ewell members also. We hope to publish a magazine for July and August. Please let me have all your material by 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

# SUNDAY WORSHIP at TOLWORTH

## Morning Worship at 10.30

(You can still join in with Roger at 10.30am on Sundays  
'Phone: 03306 060403 with code 1529640# - remember the #)

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP AT EWELL

## Morning Worship at 10.30

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